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**A Finding Aid to the
Larry Kaplan Papers**

Manuscript Collection No. 806



Collection Summary

Title	Larry Kaplan Papers
Dates	1971-1987 (bulk: 1983-1986)
Collection Number	MS-806
Repository	The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives
Creator	Kaplan, Larry, 1929-1996
Extent	0.8 linear feet (2 Hollinger boxes)
Language of the Material	English

Administrative Information

Biographical Sketch Larry Kaplan was born in Paterson, New Jersey. He came to the rabbinate later in life, deciding to go back to school after having his Bar Mitzvah at the age of 26. After enrolling in the Rutgers Extension Program in Paterson, he moved to Ohio to attend the University of Cincinnati and graduated cum laude with a degree in Philosophy in 1961. Ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1965, he served congregations in St. Louis, Missouri, Bowie, Maryland, and Huntington, West Virginia, before assuming the post of rabbi at Temple Beth Or, Washington Township, New Jersey from 1968-1976.

Kaplan left New Jersey for Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1977. He served as rabbi there until the late 1980s. He then became the head rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom in Danville, Virginia, followed by Rodeph Shalom in Montreal, Canada. He served Temple Shalom in Port Charlotte, Florida from 1992 until his death in 1996. In 1990, Kaplan was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree from HUC-JIR for twenty-five years of service to the rabbinate. He taught courses in Judaism at Florida Southern University, was treasurer of the Ministerial Association of Port Charlotte, served on the ethics committee for Columbia Fawcett Hospital, and belonged to the Rotarian Society and Jewish Chautauqua Society.

Kaplan's first wife, Esther, passed away during his tenure at Temple Beth Or. He married his second wife, Phyllis, in 1970. He had two children, Seth and Wendi.

Scope and Content This collection consists mostly of correspondence, along with some service materials and announcements for Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Correspondence is both personal and professional from his years in Iowa. Included in this collection is correspondence with the General Assembly of Virginia regarding the establishment of April 10 as Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well as a conflict in 1983 with Ahron Y. Lubling, an Orthodox rabbi who claimed Larry Kaplan and the Reform Jewish community were not really "Jewish".

Arrangement This collection is arranged in one (1) series: A. General.

Terms of Access The collection is open for use; no restrictions apply.

Preferred Citation Footnotes and bibliographic references should refer to the Larry Kaplan Papers and the American Jewish Archives. A suggestion for at least the first citation is as follows:

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Index Terms

Subjects	Rabbis / Synagogues -- Iowa -- Cedar Rapids / Synagogues -- Virginia -- Danville
Personal Names	Kaplan, Larry, 1929-1996

Corporate Names Temple Beth Sholom (Danville, Va.) / Temple Judah (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

Series A. General, 1971-1987

Arrangement Arranged chronologically.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1. Folder 1. Correspondence and miscellaneous, 1971-1977

Box 1. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1979-1980

Box 1. Folder 3. Correspondence, 1981

Box 1. Folder 4. Correspondence, 1982

Box 1. Folder 5. Correspondence, 1983

Box 1. Folder 6. Correspondence, 1984

Box 1. Folder 7. Correspondence, 1985

Box 2. Folder 1. Correspondence, 1986

Box 2. Folder 2. Correspondence, 1987

Box 2. Folder 3. Services and announcements, 1985-1987